

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 remain pending in the application.

Applicants undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Le for the courtesy of the telephone interview and several exchanges of claims. Examiner Le indicated that claims 14-20 would be allowable and Applicants have amended the claims to place this application in condition for allowance and will pursue the subject matter of previously presented independent claims 1 and 10 in a continuation application.

Claims 1-2 and 4-9 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response, claim 1 has been amended and accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 10-11 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Pertersson et al (US 5,140,284). Claims 1-2, 4-9, 12 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Petersson et al (US 5,140,284) in view of Figure 2 prior art and further in view of Dekker (US 6,239,660). In response, claims 1 and 10 have been amended to incorporate claims 17 and 14, respectively to place this application in condition for allowance.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kenneth M. Berner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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